

***Business Area # 3:
Inman Square/Harrington***

Boundaries: by the Conrail Railroad, the Somerville line, Leonard Avenue, Cambridge Street, Dana Street, and Broadway

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: the offices, shops, restaurants of Inman Square, all business establishments between 700 and 1400 Cambridge Street, offices, industries and restaurants on Hampshire Street and between 100 to 380 Prospect Street and 100 to 300 Broadway.



Inman Square

During the first six months of 2002, the only **commercial robbery** reported in the Inman Square business district was a strong-arm heist at a Hampshire Street convenience store. Two additional commercial robberies were recorded between Thanksgiving and the end of the year at the Cambridge Portuguese Credit Union. In both of the robberies, a note –passer demanded cash from the teller and fled the scene. These crimes are still under investigation. • **Shoplifting** has never been a problem in the Inman Square business district. In 2002, six sporadic and unrelated shopliftings occurred in variety and convenience stores of the 1200 block of Cambridge Street. • **Larceny from the person** is another business related target crime that seldom occurs in Inman Square. The pickpockets that frequent Harvard and Central Squares seldom frequent the numerous restaurants and bars in this area. • There were five fewer **commercial breaks** in Business District # 3 in 2002 when compared with last year's total. Between March and June there were a series of breaks on weekend nights into restaurants in the 800 block of Cambridge Street that were eradicated with the arrest of a local known offender. Throughout the final six months of 2002 sporadic breaks into public building, schools and social service agencies sprang up with no discernible spatial or temporal trend identified. Inman Square retains a lower rate of commercial breaks than the majority of the other business areas. High percentages of larceny from buildings in this business district are concentrated in public buildings, (hospital, schools, city offices) and revolve around the theft of laptops and the personal items of employees.

CRIME	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Larceny from Building	44	34	40	28	30
Larceny from Person	7	4	11	26	7
Commercial Burglary	12	17	26	26	21
Commercial Robbery	4	2	3	4	3
Shoplifting	0	7	10	6	6
Fraud/Flim	19	10	25	22	38
Flam/Counterfeiting					

